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FURTHER INTERROGATORIES OF
AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS
TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
(ABP/USPS-17-23)

In accordance with Section 2E of the Special Rules of Practice, ABP files these additional
interrogatories directed to USPS.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing documents in accordance with Section 12 of the Commission's Rules of Practice.



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Dated: October 8, 1997

FOLLOW-UP INTERROGATORIES
OF AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS (ABP)
TO UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (ABP/USPS-17-23)

ABP/USPS-17

Please identify the office within USPS Headquarters and the senior executive specifically responsible for that office which has responsibility for the supervision and implementation of USPS purchased transportation regulations by Distribution Network Offices (DNOs).

ABP/USPS-18

Are the individual DNOs described at USPS-T13, p. 14 by Witness Bradley responsible for the contracting out of USPS transportation needs in accordance with PS 513, "The Mail Transportation Procurement Handbook" and with transportation purchase sections of the "Purchasing Manual" (Issue 1, January 31, 1997)? If these publications have been superseded, or if other publicly available publications guide transportation purchasing and contracting managers, please identify these publications.

ABP/USPS-19

[a] In the opinion of senior transportation operations officials at USPS headquarters, have multiple transportation highway route contracts been awarded within the past four years to more than one contractor? If so, can an estimate be made of the number of such contracts?

[b] Please provide an estimate or opinion as to whether fewer than 1,000 (or any number under 1,000) contractors currently have been awarded highway contracts that in annual value exceed fifty percent of annual surface highway (all relevant accounts) costs.

ABP/USPS-20

Please confirm that highway and other purchased transportation contracts may be renewed after an initial four year term by mutual agreement, without a requirement to re-advertise or to re-bid a transportation route. Provide page citations to relevant manuals that support the response.

ABP/USPS-21

Confirm that after a transportation route is awarded to a contractor after either a competitive closed bid process or by negotiations, that the name and address of the successful bidder or applicant and the unit price (or total estimated contract price) agreed to by USPS are made available to the unsuccessful applicants and bidders.

ABP/USPS-22

[a] Are a majority of USPS surface highway purchased transportation contracts renewed with the same contractor? If the answer is negative, please provide any estimates USPS may have of the percent of renewal.

[b] Are most contract renewals made without competitive bids? If the response is negative, can USPS provide an estimate, if it is possible to do so, of the percent of contract renewals made without competitive bidding?

ABP/USPS-23

Confirm that payments to USPS highway contractors are made, not by the DNOs, but by the USPS St. Louis Accounting Center at the conclusion of each posted USPS accounting period.